

Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message

Another school year is off to a phenomenal start!

We hope that everyone has settled in their classrooms and are ready to work and play hard. Timberbank is Teamwork! This continues to be our motto as we work together (staff, students and parents) to create a positive, caring and safe learning environment for everyone. We welcome our full-day kindergarten program which is new this year and we are so pleased with how well everyone has settled into their daily routines!

Thank you to all who visited and supported our Scholastic Book Fair and took the time out of your busy days to be with us on our Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 29th. It was so wonderful to see many parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents visiting our classrooms, seeing the great learning that is happening in our school and of course, getting to meet your child's teacher.

Home-school communication is vital to student success. Working together we can ensure that every child has the opportunities to learn and succeed. The Timberbank staff is exemplary and I encourage you to keep the lines of communication open to discuss how to support your child's learning.

Once again our calendar is quickly filling up with fantastic field trips, spectacular sporting events, professional performances, awesome assemblies, and many more special events. We also continue to value and focus on the Arts and Technology at Timberbank. Our hope is to continue to support the amazing programming that happens in these areas for our students. Don't forget to visit our wikispace (<https://timberbank.wikispaces.com/>) or your child's classroom webpage to learn more about what is new.

We are all looking forward to working with your children and making this another successful school year!

Mrs. Anna Epitropou



Upcoming Dates

Oct. 7	Picture Day
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving— No school
Oct. 11/12	Dental Screening
Oct. 12	Cross-Country Conference Finals
Oct. 13	Parent/School Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm in the Library
Oct. 18	ActivBus @ Timberbank—Parents welcome to visit from 4 to 6pm
Oct. 18	IEPs go home
Oct. 19-21	Grade 6s visit Camp Kearney Outdoor Education Centre
Oct. 27	Grade 5s—Safe Schools Day @ Stephen Leacock CI
Oct. 27	Movie Night @ 3:30 pm - fundraiser for Unicef
Oct. 31	Halloween Parade in the afternoon
Nov. 3	Picture Retake Day & Fall Community Clean Up & School Council 6:30pm

Fall Poems from Ms Persaud's Class

A little thing that's brown.
Can't talk or move.
Oak tree grows into it.
Rests there until it falls and grows to a tree.
Not overweight.
By: Devin Zhou 4/5P

An enjoyable, everyday snack.
Can be dangerous at anytime.
Occupation – a tree reporter/ snack
Reports what it's like in a stomach.
Not a good runner.
By: Jim Wu 4/5 P



Always growing.
Chooses the right way.
Obeying commands. (Tinkernut rules!)
Reliable for advice – but not speaking.
Not complaining.
By: Andu Su 4/5P

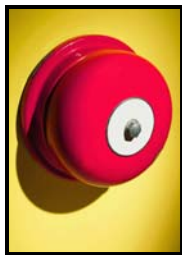
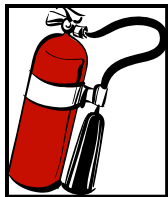
EQAO - Grade 3 & 6 2010-2011

We have received our EQAO results for our grade 3 and 6 students. In all but one subject area, Timberbank performed above the TDSB average of the number of students reaching provincial standards of level 3 or 4. Grade 3 Reading: 69%; Writing: 72%; Mathematics: 84% and Grade 6 Reading: 83%; Writing: 87% and Mathematics: 73%. As a staff, we continue to analyze our results and put strategies in place for improvement.

For more information, feel free to visit www.eqao.com.
Congratulations to everyone!

Keeping Safe

We have completed one of our three mandatory fall fire drills. Our students exited quickly and quietly. We want to thank our staff and congratulate our students for learning this important procedure. We will also have a lockdown practice this fall. This is another safety procedure that we have in place to deal with a variety of potentially dangerous situations. We are proud to have a safe learning community and wish to continue doing so.

**ECO Team**

Great News! We became a bronze EcoSchool. We are very excited to learn more about saving the planet next year. We had an eco-friendly party this year. To have an Ecofriendly party of your own, bring your own reusable plates, cups, spoons, forks and knives. And remember to buy food in bulk!

ECO tip of the month:

Reuse empty tissue boxes to make fun, new crafts.

Written by: Shreya and Jia

**Our newsletter goes electronic!**

Thanks for sending in your School Council forms and agreeing to receive information and forms by email. Beginning with our next edition, parents/guardians will be emailed forms and our newsletter. Thanks for saving many trees!

What's up in the library...

Thank you to everyone for their support in this Fall's book fair! It was a raving success because of you and your family's love of books! We raised over \$1000 worth of free books for our library, many of which will be on the shelves very soon, so keep your eyes open for the newest books in the Raven, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Geronimo Stilton and Dork Diaries series! Congratulations to all of the prize winners in our, 'Why We Love Reading contest', as well as those who won the book fair draw on Friday, September 30. Our grand prize winner was Feroz from Mrs. Walker and Mr. Mirshahi's class, winning \$25 of books for himself and \$25 of books for his class!



Timberbank's students are excited about this year's Forest of Reading Club and have been counting down to the release date of this year's finalists. On Oct 17th, the announcement of who the Top Ten are in each category will be made and then we can start reading! For more information of the Forest of Reading program, please drop by the library!

Happy Reading! Mrs. Walker

Peanut Safe

Sabrina's Law requires every school establish and maintain an anaphylactic policy that includes strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents in classrooms and common school areas. As prevention is the best approach, we ask that you speak with your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other students and please do not send any snacks or lunches with your child that contain peanuts and/or peanut products. For more information feel free to visit:



<http://www.anaphylaxis.org/>



Fried Bananas!!!

The students in Ms Bass-West's class have been doing a 'cultural exchange' with Grade 3 and 4 students in Sulawesi, Indonesia. The students are being taught by Miss Bass-West's friends. The Grade 3 and 4 students from Sulawesi sent us photos of their classroom and of their work. They wrote to us and told us the types of food they typically eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner in

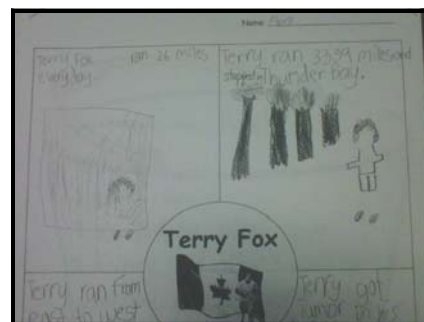
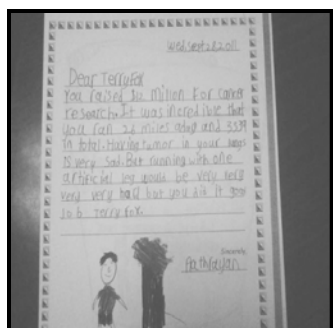


Indonesia. We wrote back and told them the kinds of food WE eat! The students noticed that Indonesian children eat a lot of fried bananas, and wondered what fried bananas might taste like. So- we decided to cook them ourselves! Mohamed was a great banana peeler and Maviya carefully cut the bananas. Then, we dipped them in milk and cinnamon sugar and the teachers fried them in oil. They were delicious!!

Terry Fox Run

On September 30th, our students ran our annual Terry Fox run in the afternoon. Though the weather was cool and damp, our spirits were not! We know how much it meant to Terry to have his dream continue and so it does at Timberbank. Thanks to everyone who contributed so that some day we may find a cure to cancer!

Mrs. Aziz's class learned about Terry Fox and wrote letters to him. Take a look...



Cross Country News

We are so proud to have a phenomenal Cross Country Team once again at Timberbank. The team has been early to rise and early to run the past couple of weeks. Thanks to Miss Keith and Mrs. Hwang-Kim who have been training our team to get ready for the various events. On Wednesday, October 5th, our grade 2 to 6 students represented our school at Earl Bales and made us proud. Congratulations to the following students who are moving on to next week's Conference Finals: Demetri (grade 2); Elbert, Feroz, Muaaz, Niveethan, and Victor (grade 3); Alexandra (grade 4); Anjali and Nirajh (grade 6). We want to wish them and the grade 1s (Bryan, Fahad, Lucas and Thomas) the best of luck on Wednesday, October 12th. Go Timberwolves Go!!!!



Staying “On T.R.A.C.K.”

At Timberbank, we believe in having our students stay on track. This recognition program raises awareness of each student's contribution to personal and social responsibility. Our staff and students focus on character development, highlighting the positive contributions and actions of all members of the Timberbank School Community. Through our regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured. On September 30th, we recognized students for their “teamwork and trust”. Congratulations to:

Ava, Lucas and Vivian from Mrs. Ball's class

Abinaya, Arusan, Hishany, Marlene, Roy and Tyler from Miss Keith's class

Abirami, Chad, Disha and Lucas from Miss Kwok's class

Abisha, Enya, Fahad and Patrick from Miss Kalogris' class

Abira, Nancy Z. and Kethan from Mrs. Aziz's class

Elbert, Eugene, Muaaz, Nancy and Victor from Mrs. Walker/Mr. Mirshahi's class

Ahmed, Andrew, Devin, Jim and Shreya from Ms Persaud's class

Abbiram, Jasvin, Safa, Shevani and Zaid from Mrs. Corrieri's class

Anjali, Nirajh, Safiullah and Sowmija from Mr. O'Connor's class

Our students met with Mrs. Epitropou and told her that they love our school because:

- *Kids are nice to each other; there is no bullying; we are kind; we help one another; and we play with one another*
- *We work as a team by doing sports; though our school stands for teamwork we ARE teamwork; we are safe*
- *We have Book Fairs; we have a computer lab; we get to help our teachers; our teachers are nice to us*
- *We grow stronger in our teamwork because we have lots of chance to do this like sports; we say sorry*



Gentle Reminders:

- **Vehicles dropping off** students need to be mindful of the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely.
- **Electronic games/devices** should not be brought to school and cell phones, if necessary, must be turned off, and secured in your child's backpack. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
- **Student Safety:** During the school day, all doors to our school are locked and we ask parents and caregivers to please enter through the front doors and remember to always check in at the office. Staff washrooms are available for adult use along with a male and female washroom in the main foyer. Please do not enter student washrooms.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Dogs:** Our children deserve to play in a clean and safe environment. **Dogs are not allowed on TDSB property at any time.**
- **Playscape:** Our playscape is a very popular place before, during, and after school. If your children are playing on the equipment before and after school, please make certain that they are being supervised.
- **Hats, sunscreen, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes.

Reminder!

Parent School Council Needs YOU!

Parental involvement is an important part of the success of our students. We truly value your commitment to the education of your children and our school.

Once again as in the past, some of our School Council Executive have graduated along with their children or have moved to other communities. We are looking for more parents to join us on our School Council. We will be meeting once a month on the first Thursday at 6:30 pm in the library. Come and hear the latest school updates, share your perspectives with the principal and staff, assist with the organization of parent outreach events and help with some fundraising events. Page 6 of this newsletter is an invitation to our School Council's Annual General Meeting on Thursday, October 13th, 2011 along with a nomination form.



We look forward to seeing you at our first School Council Meeting!

Student Absences: Safe Arrival Program

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As part of our Safe Arrival Program, our Office Administrator, Mrs. Jean Garcia, verifies all unaccounted for absences each morning and afternoon. When your child is absent or late, please give us a call to let us know. For your convenience the Safe Arrival voice mailbox is available 24 hours a day. All students arriving late or leaving early should sign in and/or out at the main office with a parent or designated caregiver. We appreciate your help in this matter.

International Languages Program

Timberbank is pleased to work in collaboration with the Continuing Education Program of the TDSB. This partnership offers language classes at our school. It is great that our students have the opportunity to learn a new language or perhaps further enhance and sustain their first language.

Languages offered: Mandarin & Tamil

When: Wednesdays, from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

For registration forms, please visit the main office!

Canteen

Every morning and afternoon recesses, healthy snacks will be sold out of Ms Kwok's class window to raise money for the special activities or performances that come to our school.

Items for sale:

Cookie - \$1 (oatmeal, fudge white chunk, chocolate chip)

Cheese String - \$0.75

Frozen Yogurt Tubes - \$0.75

Asian Rice Cake Mix - \$0.50



ActivClassroom

We are very fortunate to have the ActivBus / ActivClassroom visiting Timberbank on Tuesday, October 18th, 2011. During the day, administrators, superintendents, trustees and our classrooms will have an opportunity to attend: ***Teaching for Transformative Learning***, presented by Garfield Gini-Newman

After school, we will be hosting a series of workshops for teachers, parents and the community. Please rsvp to anna.epitropou@tdsb.on.ca for the after school sessions.

Hope to see you there!

October 2011

Dear Parents / Guardians:

Please find attached below a nomination form for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Timberbank School Council Executive. Participating on our School Council is an excellent way to learn more about your child's school and how to promote excellence in education. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for a position, please complete the nomination form below. Please ensure that the person that you are nominating agrees to let their name stand.



This form is due to the school office no later than Wednesday, October 12th, 2011.

If more than 10 nominations are received, elections will be held on the evening of Thursday, October 13th, at the School Council's Annual General Meeting. If there are 10 or less nominations, the nominees will be acclaimed as parent representatives to the School Council Executive.

Sincerely,

Anna Epitropou, Principal

Ghazala Khan, Timberbank School Council Chair

TIMBERBANK SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

☐ I wish to declare my own candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the School Council.

☐ I wish to nominate _____ for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the School Council.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Number _____ Business Number _____

Email _____

I am the parent/guardian of a student, who is currently registered at Timberbank Jr. P.S.

(Name of student)) _____

The candidate I have nominated is an employee of the School Board (TDSB) ☐yes ☐no

Candidate's signature: _____ Date: _____

I am an employee of the School Board (TDSB). ☐yes ☐no

Nominator's signature: _____ Date: _____